

Students**Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students****A. Potential Exclusion**

Any student seeking to enroll in Stafford County Public Schools who has been expelled or suspended for more than thirty days from any school, or for whom admission has been withdrawn by a private school, may be excluded from attendance in Stafford County Public Schools or assigned to attend an alternative program, regardless of whether the student has been admitted to any other school, upon a finding by the Superintendent, or designee, after having conducted a hearing, that the student presents a danger to other students and/or staff.

B. Notice and Hearing

Prior to the hearing of the Superintendent, or designee, written notice shall be mailed or otherwise provided to the student and parent/guardian that the student may be subject to exclusion from Stafford County Public Schools, the reasons therefore, and of the opportunity for the student and his/her parent/guardian to participate in a hearing conducted by the Superintendent, or designee, regarding such exclusion and of the right to appeal said decision. The student and parent/guardian shall be informed of the decision of the Superintendent, or designee, in writing.

C. Appeal

The decision of the Superintendent, or designee, to exclude or assign a student to attend an alternative program, may be appealed by the student and parent/guardian to the board or a committee thereof. Such appeal shall be made in writing and must be received by the Superintendent, or designee, not more than seven calendar days after receipt by the parent/guardian of the decision of the Superintendent/designee.

If the decision of the Superintendent, or designee, to exclude has been appealed to a committee of the school board, the student or his parent/guardian shall be provided written notice of the right to appeal the decision to the full board. The board shall notify in writing the student or his/her parent/guardian of its decision, within thirty days following any such hearing, in the case of an expulsion or withdrawal of admission and in the case of a suspension of more than thirty days, within fifteen days following any such hearing.

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Legal Reference: Through June 30, 2006

Code of Va., § 22.1-277.2. Authority to exclude students under certain circumstances; petition for readmission; alternative education program. - (2001)

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